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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PROTEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

Washington, DC, January 15, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable Henry Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2020, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TIM STAPLES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. AGUILAR) for 5 minutes.

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of Tim Staples, a devoted husband, brother, son, and teacher. Tim gave his life working to save the life of another.

As a volunteer for search and rescue team of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Tim joined the search for a missing hiker last month on California's Mount Baldy. Tragically, this would be Tim's final rescue operation.

Despite the risks, Tim's endless dedication to serving others guided him through 9 years as a volunteer with the search and rescue team, where he assisted countless operations to help save the lives of fellow San Bernardino County residents.

But his passion for search and rescue was not the extent of Tim's desire to serve his community. Tim's desire to serve the community spanned across education and community and civic activities

He grew up in San Bernardino County, attending Damien High School in La Verne before getting his college education at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington.

Tim was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout before becoming an Eagle Scout. He completed the Buckskin Leadership training and dedicated his time to training other Scouts.

Tim was an educator, spending his career as a teacher and coach at both St. Lucy's High School in Glendora and at his alma mater in Damien.

He is remembered by his family and friends for his love of helping others and often helping complete strangers. From stopping traffic to help push a car through a crowded intersection to driving over 2,000 miles to help a friend move, Tim was always willing to put his full energy and effort behind helping other people, including on his last day.

He is survived by his two sisters, his parents, and his loving wife, Katie.

Tim's students, athletes, friends, family, and all of San Bernardino County are better off as the result of Tim's endless compassion and drive to serve others.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SERGEANT HARRY AMIGH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from

Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Sergeant Harry Amigh, a resident of Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, and a Korean war veteran.

Sergeant Amigh enlisted in the United States Army in 1948 and would go on to serve in the Battle of Chosin Reservoir, one of the Korean war's greatest battles. Sergeant Amigh was killed in action during that battle at just 20 years old.

Though his military career ended far too soon, Sergeant Harry Amigh left an incredible legacy behind. I am humbled to be joining the Amigh family this Friday, January 17, to honor his legacy and present the family with seven military awards and medals in his memory.

Sergeant Amigh is the recipient of a: Purple Heart:

National Defense Service Medal;

Korean Service Medal with one Bronze Star;

Combat Infantryman Badge;

United Nations Service Medal;

Republic of Korea-Korean War Service Medal; and.

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation.

The men and women who have chosen to dedicate their lives to defending the United States are among the most courageous citizens.

Sergeant Amigh loved his country, and he fought valiantly for his country. For that, we are forever indebted to Sergeant Amigh and the many men and women like him who made the ultimate sacrifice.

IN SUPPORT OF IRANIAN PROTESTERS

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of and as a cosponsor of House Republican Leader KEVIN McCarthy's H. Res. 791, supporting the protesters in Iran. H. Res. 791 serves notice to the Iranian regime that the United States is watching and the world is watching.

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